

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
July 28, 2015

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter Kinsella, Steven M. Romano

OTHERS: Allan Walker, members of **Edmund Strang Scout Reservation:** Todd Hollis, Scoutmaster, Alex Signori, Tom Gavaletz, Andrew Magel, Sean Sebert, Ryan Haack, Camilo Ramos, Tyler Pranger, Lukos Conner, Ryan Schmidt, Justin Calabrese, Mason Hayes, Joshua Sibley-Prusak.

Robert Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED that the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2015, were approved as amended. Voted unanimous. Page 3, second paragraph. *“Robert Valentine reported that the full amount has been received from the resident’s insurance company for the cost of damages done on West Hyderdale Drive that was due to a car accident.”*

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was VOTED to approve the warrant and payroll of July 30, 2015, in the amount of \$121,507.02. It was noted that included in the payroll and warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$18,666.53 and the warrant in the amount of \$102,840.49. Voted unanimous. In this warrant payments were noted for the chip seal project and roadside mowing (Woolford).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the *Edmond Strang Scout Reservation* attended this meeting of the Board of Selectmen of Goshen to witness first hand local government in action. The Boy Scouts took notes pertaining to parliamentary procedures seen enacted during the meeting. First Selectman, Bob Valentine explained the type of government in the municipality of Goshen, the Board of Selectmen meeting once a week, the operations of the Board of Finance, other boards and commissions, etc. Dexter Kinsella noted that the Town Meeting is the original form of government, dating back to Colonial times, when Goshen and other area towns were founded. Then each Scout authored his own question posed to the Selectmen, for example, how the roads in town were maintained, what type of school district Goshen has, how the town responds to emergencies, future development of the town, etc.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT:

At the recently held Board of Finance meeting, Allan Walker reported that the \$5000 applied to the Goshen Lake Weed Committee was strongly supported noting the good work that continues to be done with the Committee’s endeavors to control aquatic invasive weeds and maintain high quality standards of the waters.

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Bob Valentine reported that the *Manual for the Town of Goshen Fiscal Policies and Procedures* has been submitted to the Board of Finance for their review. A copy was also given to the auditors, wherein Sandra Welwood gave input for consideration before official publication.

Work on Shelbourne Drive continues. Traffic control for this project is being noted for public safety.

Bob Valentine noted that the trimming of the Crab Trees around the grounds of the Town Hall has not been done yet. With many landscaping companies being very busy, Bob is hoping to engage *Sepples Tree Service* to do this work. As such, the monies encumbered for this task need to have another 30 day extension.

IN A MOTION made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to add to the agenda, item 8. B, under Old Business - Encumbrance of Tree Trimming Funds. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to authorize First Selectman Valentine to encumber to August 31, 2015, from the Town Office Building line of the budget line items 5246-61 in the sum of \$2,655 and line items 5250-61 in the sum of \$325 for the purpose of tree trimming on the grounds of the Goshen Town Hall. Voted unanimous.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to add to the agenda, item 10. A, under Any Other Business – Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation. Voted unanimous.

Inasmuch as two (2) members of the Board of Selectmen will be absent for the meeting of Tuesday, August 18, 2015, it was decided to cancel the meeting.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to waive the standard purchasing policy regarding the purchase from Xerox ACS Enterprise Solutions, for recording software for the Town Clerk's Office. Due to long standing procedures and data storage and procedures in place provided by Xerox, a new vendor to be totally impractical. Voted unanimously.

IN A MOTION made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to move into executive session at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of discussion of town litigation. Voted unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen moved back into open session at 6:12 p.m. No action taken.

IN A MOTION made by Seven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Voted unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide